

Town of Mansfield
Traffic Authority
Minutes of the Meeting – October 26, 2010

Present: Hultgren, Jackman, Padick, Meitzler, Noheimer (Mansfield City Road), DiFlorio (Pleasant Valley Road)

The minutes of 9/28/10 were reviewed and no corrections made.

Pedestrian awareness campaign – No progress. The UConn Parking Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet in November.

Clover Mill Road/195 bus stop relocation – no progress

North and South Eagleville Walkway projects – A meeting with UConn to discuss the North Eagleville Road walkway is scheduled for later this week. The South Eagleville Road walkway was not funded by DECD and the project will have to be funded locally or resubmitted for funding in next year's grant funding cycle.

Updated bikeway/walkway listing – the revised priority listing from the Transportation Advisory Committee was reviewed. One project (Spring Hill Road between Davis and Maple) was moved from the higher priority group to the lower priority group. The revised draft will now be sent back to the TAC for further revisions and adoption.

Hillside Circle area no parking signs – this is still being observed by Authority members. As of this meeting, there has not been a significant problem of on-street parking in this area observed. (The previous (stolen) "bump" signs have been marked out for replacement, but are not yet in place.)

No Parking request on Baxter Road north of 195 – this is also still being monitored by Authority members and a significant problem in this area has not yet been observed.

Speeding traffic complaint – Bone Mill Road – Recent traffic data showed an average speed of 35 mph and an 85th percentile speed of 41.4 mph which is below the action level for speed humps. The matter will be referred to the Resident State Trooper's office for targeted enforcement in this area. Hultgren will inform the resident of this data/result.

Speed and cut-through traffic on Elizabeth Road – updated traffic speed data is yet to be obtained for this area. The sight distance complaint at Elizabeth and Hickory was responded to by DPW operations.

Limited sight distance from Jackson Lane at Bedlam Road – DPW operations is looking to see if the embankment to the south of the intersection can be graded down enough to improve the sight distance to the south. The question as to whether this intersection is in Chaplin or Mansfield will be researched prior to attempting this work.

Accident mitigation measures, 72 Mansfield Road – The recent accidents at this location (across from the Eastern CT ballfield facility) were discussed with Mr. Noheimer. The following mitigation measures were suggested/discussed and will be researched and implemented if possible: Place an additional chevron sign along the road and lower the existing chevron signs to be within normal headlight range; stripe the curb and shoulder to show the road narrowing; refer this location to the RST office for a early AM hour DUI check point; cat-track the center line through the intersection; suggest to the DOT that the

frontage road signals be given priority over Mansfield City Road; suggest to the DOT that the signals at the frontage roads flash red in the late-night operating mode (they flash yellow now); investigate the installation of guardrails to the south of #72 along Mansfield City Road.

Pedestrian safety request on Route 32 near Pleasant Valley Road -- Ms. DiFlorio explained that walking from Pleasant Valley Road into Windham on Route 32 was very difficult and requested assistance in making her walk each day to catch the WRTD bus (Shaw's supermarket Plaza) safer. She explained that there was no walkway along Route 32, particularly during the winter. As this is a DOT maintained highway, the Authority will request this area be reviewed by the DOT. In addition, changes in the location of the WRTD bus stop – perhaps moved North into Mansfield (in combination with a bus routing change) will be discussed with WRTD.

Revisions to the federal-aid road classifications for Mansfield roads were discussed per the communication received from WINCOG. After discussion, the following revisions were decided to be suggested: Add Pleasant Valley Road west of Mansfield Ave as a rural minor collector; add the rest of Mansfield City Road (north of Pleasant Valley Road) as a rural minor collector; add the section of Spring Hill Road west of Clover Mill Road as a rural minor collector; change the classification of Bassett's Bridge Road from a rural minor collector to a rural major collector.

Speeding traffic complaint on Hillyndale Road – referred to Engineering for traffic data.

ECSU Halloween walk/run event – after discussion, it was decided to deny the request to close Town roads for this event. The event can proceed if the organizers can do it following existing traffic laws without closing any Town roads.

Request to pave Baxter Road north of Anton Road – Hultgren explained he had received a petition from the residents who live in the recently constructed homes on Baxter Road in the vicinity of Anton Road to pave the rest of Baxter Road (up to the corner with Rockridge Road). He said that he would be preparing cost numbers prior to referring this to the Town Manager and Council, but wanted an opinion from the Traffic Authority if there was any desire on the Authority's part to pave this section of road. After a brief discussion, the consensus of Authority members is that there was not a traffic-related reason to pave this road.

Request from the RST office for No Parking signs along Hunting Heights Drive – a parking problem in this area has arisen this fall. After discussion it was decided to designate no parking areas on both sides of Hunting Lodge Road so that these signs can be placed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lon Hultgren
Director of Public Works